

**Maunsel White to Andrew Jackson, March 12, 1845,
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class=MsoNormal>MAUNSEL WHITE TO JACKSON.

New Orleans, March 12, 1845.

Dear sir, Your truly kind and very friendly letter of the 11th February I recd. some days ago, just on the eve of leaving for the Country, and now embrace the earliest opportunity to answer it. I regret exceedingly to know how feeble you were in health at the time, and most sincerely pray the Almighty to restore it, so as to enable you to pass the remainder of your Days without pain or Affliction. I earnestly entreat you to accept of my deepfelt Gratitude for the expression of your entire confidence in the Integrity of my statement. The letter containing it shall be preserved and handed down to my Children to show them that Honesty never fails of its reward.

I saw and read your Letter of 13 Jany. to the House complaining of the Haste with which they sold your Cotton, indeed it appeared so to my own mind, and altho they tell me that at the time there was no tangible ground for hoping that a Change for the better would take place, I determined that you should not suffer from any error of Judgment committed by my Junr. Partners. I therefore directed another examination and valuation by two disinterested Cotton Brokers, whose certificate, with that of the purchasers Broker and the clerk who drew the Samples, I herewith enclose you; These certificates corroborate the correctness of my statement of the quality and shows also, that if the Cotton had been held until the 1st 0405 381 inst; it would have brought 3/8th of a cent per pound more, and I have therefore directed that the amot. of the difference $136 60/100 should be placed to your Credit. There is too much Cotton produced in the U. States and in a few

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years more we can supply the whole world but it must prove our own Ruin, and unless attention is directed to other staples it will certainly do so. . . .

[Jackson's indorsement:] Col. M. White, to be preserved with his reexamination of the Sale of my 72 bales cotton by disinterested Brokers, within which adds $136.60—which shows the honesty, justice and honor of the Col. replied to this 27th of March 1845. A.J.